



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2023
Fabled Table, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance (35):

Rick Belloli, Beth Boroumand, Sheila Collins, Brittany Conkle, Maggie Connor, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Lisa Ferguson, Joan Gielas, Theron Jr. Gilliland, Julianne Hluska, Deveda Horsley, Talisa Horsley, Arthur James, Stacey Kendrick, Lona Kenney, Todd Kilgore, Joan Kimmel, Jodi Lincoln, Deirdre Menchaca, Sarah Mistick, Ivette Mongalo-Winston, Sherah Rothman, Kristi Russo, Vincent Salvino, Nancy Schaefer, Renee Sjoen, Dorothy Smith, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thompson, Michael Tikili, Erin Tobin, Billie Vaughn, Verna Vaughn, Dayshawna Zolian

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, March 13, 2023** at **7:00 pm** at **Fabled Table**. The meeting was presided by **Maggie Connor**, and minutes were recorded by **Vincent Salvino**.

Lisa Ferguson, owner of Fabled Table, welcomed everyone to Fabled Table and explained the services they provide. <https://fabledtable.com/>

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the January and February Meetings were postponed to April.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

New Business:

Forum on Affordable Housing

The Forum on Affordable Housing was the featured topic of the March Meeting.

The following speakers presented information about their community organizations and the services they provide:

Jody Lincoln from Action Housing

- Action Housing is the largest non-profit committed to affordable housing in Allegheny County.
- Action Housing has several programs to include weatherizing, mortgage foreclosure prevention, credit counseling, etc.
- Affordable housing is housing that costs no more than 30% of a household's income.
- Pittsburgh is lacking affordable housing. 17,000 new housing units are needed to meet the needs of the city.
- Action Housing recently purchased Widows Home on Taylor Avenue. The housing is over 100 years old and needs some repairing.
 - New Roofs, Brick repair, Sidewalk repairs, Window replacement, etc.
 - Action Housing wants to deepen the affordability of the space via unused Project Based Vouchers. The space is fully occupied.
- A question was asked about being moved from unit to unit to meet AMI.
 - The entire project is under 60%
- Rachael asked if the internet is considered a utility. It is not.
- Action Housing website:
https://hacp.org/supportive_services/action-housing/

Sarah from Mistick Northside Properties

- Mistick Northside Properties control about 300 units on the Northside with 100 in Central Northside.
- Sarah's father purchased the spaces, which were in foreclosure, in 1983 from HUD.
- About 15 years ago Sarah's father started managing the properties, and about seven years ago Sarah became involved.
- About five years ago, Mistick renovated their units. They completed new construction in California Kirkbride that includes a community space.
- Mistick Northside Properties website:
<https://mystickconstruction.com/>



Ivette Mongalo-Winston from Rising Tide Partners

- Rising Tide Partners falls under Place as part of the One Northside Program from the Buhl Foundation.
- Their belief is to control real estate to better protect the needs of families.
- Land Recycling is getting control of nuisance rentals, substandard housing and helping get them ready for development.
- Rising Tide Partners website:
<https://risingtidepartners.org/>

Billie Vaughn from Common Unity PGH

- Billie is an Educational Consultant with Common Unity PGH.
- She teaches residents the process of obtaining affordable housing.
- Rising Tide Partners is a needed organization.
- Common Unity PGH website:
<https://www.facebook.com/CommonUnityPgh/>

Announcements:

Beth Boroumand: Election for ACCA Board of Directors

- Beth announced that elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the ACCA General Membership Meeting on **May 8th**. There is a call for new blood to help direct the organization to the future.

Rick Belloli from Q Development: Update on Garden Theater Block

- Rick provided an update on the Garden Theater Block.
- Move in for **6 West North** (at the corner of Federal and North) will occur July 4th.
- The entire block will be done by Labor Day.
- All units require different parking options. Rick wants the city to include parking along Federal Street as paid parking.
- Rick will ask ACCA for a letter of support if needed, but for now he just wanted to get some feedback.

Julianne Hluska from Councilman Bobbie Wilson's Office

- The North Avenue project has a tentative meeting scheduled on April 20th, location TBD.
- Find information about the North Avenues Signals and Safety Project at:
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/north-avenue-signals-and-safety-project>
- The city's Public Service grant information on Engage PGH:
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/>



Erin Tobin from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Allegheny YMCA

- The city maintains Allegheny Commons Park.
- Only maintenance is the fountain.
- Federal Street to the George Washington Statue is the next phase of the Commons Promenade rehabilitation project. The project goes out for bid in April. There will be a June groundbreaking.
- What the Muck will be held on April 12th-13th
- There will be many events in Allegheny Commons on April 8th for Earth Month.
- If anyone is interested in volunteering, please reach out to Erin:
etobin@pittsburghparks.org
- The Allegheny YMCA will be putting out a survey for the community. The Y is looking for feedback on what programs the neighbors would like to see at the Y. Anyone can complete the survey either as a YMCA member or non-member. The survey can be found at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alleghenyfoundation>
- Litter pick-up in Riverview Park is held on the third Saturday of the month.
- Clean Pittsburgh Commission is working on de-littering the city. If ACCA wants to put together a litter committee, there are resources.
Clean Pittsburgh Commission website:
<https://pittsburghpa.gov/clean-pgh/cpc>

Meeting Adjourned.



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